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**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 1997*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding individual who has tremendous leadership skills, not only in his chosen field but also in his community, state and nation. On Saturday, May 17, 1997, at 6:00 p.m., Mr. Claire "Sonny" Nye will be honored at a retirement party in Mt. Pleasant, MI. Sonny, his friends and family will celebrate his long, successful career working not only as a sheet metal worker but also as an elected official in the Sheet Metal Workers' Local 7 Zone 3.

Born on March 20, 1940, Sonny attended Albion College for 2 years, where he was a member of the football team. In 1964, Sonny became an apprentice for the sheet metal workers. Upon completion he became a journeyman and on January 5, 1968, he joined the Detroit Local 80 Union. In 1978, after a continuing prosperous career as a sheet metal worker, Sonny was initiated into the Local 543 in Traverse City. Sonny's consistent trust of his coworkers as well as his outstanding leadership skills demonstrated his ability to serve as a leader. On July 14, 1988, Sonny was elected as a business agent for Sheet Metal Workers' Local 7 Zone 3.

Since being elected, Sonny has received COMET training through the George Meany Institute. This program targets youth, training them to become apprentices. The program goes beyond teaching the skills they need by focusing on promoting unions and teaching young people that unions promote the workers best interests in the job.

We should all be grateful that individuals, such as Sonny, make room in their life for young people. He has coached little league baseball, 5th and 6th grade basketball, 7th and 8th grade football, as well as coaching a Mickey Mantle 16 and under baseball team to the State finals. In addition, he has also been involved in high school sports. Sonny has unselfishly given his time, energy and commitment to coaching. Playing sports can teach youth the importance of teamwork and hard work. Sonny is an excellent role model and provides a positive example for young people to follow.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and all of our colleagues to join me in congratulating Sonny Nye as he celebrates his retirement from a long, distinguished career with the sheet metal union and his leadership on behalf of working families and the American labor movement. We wish him the best for the new challenges ahead.

HONORING RON EDELSON

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 1997*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of this Congress and our Nation the selection of Ron Edelson as the recipient of the Nassau Council Chambers

of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year Award from the Great Neck Chamber of Commerce. This award reflects the dedication and leadership that Ron Edelson has demonstrated on behalf of the Great Neck Business Improvement District and the Great Neck Chamber of Commerce.

The innovative concepts and creative marketing programs that Ron Edelson has developed truly are a tribute to his commitment to the Great Neck community. These programs have resulted in historic growth for the Great Neck business community and the enhancement of the wonderful quality of life for Great Neck and the North Shore of Long Island.

By recognizing Ron Edelson with this award, the Nassau Council Chambers of Commerce are paying tribute to individuals who are role models for the next century because they recognize that community service combined with business leadership are essential qualities as our communities grow and move forward.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join with me today in honoring Mr. Edelson for his achievements and to congratulate him on this award.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO  
ROSE AND ALFRED DICKSON

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 1997*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Alfred (Jerry) and Rose Dickson's 50th wedding anniversary on June 7.

Jerry and Rose met at the St. Aloysius Church carnival in Chicago in 1943. Jerry served in the U.S. Navy and was stationed on the *S.S. Gablian* during World War II. His service in the Navy ended in 1946, and Jerry and Rose were married on June 7, 1947.

Jerry is retired after 40 years of service in the food industry in Chicago and Rose is a homemaker. The couple raised 7 children and have 13 grandchildren. I join with their family today in wishing them a wonderful celebration and many more happy and productive years together.

IN HONOR OF CAROL ELIZABETH  
STORY AND THE PARKVIEW ELE-  
MENTARY SCHOOL SCIENCE  
OLYMPIAD TEAM

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 1997*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Carol Elizabeth Story and Parkview Elementary School's Science Olympiad Team on a first place finish in the Northeast Ohio Elementary Science Olympiad.

Mrs. Carol Elizabeth Story, an 18-year resident of Fairview Park, OH, successfully served as coordinator and coach for Parkview Elementary School's Science Olympiad Team, leading them to a first place finish in the Northeast Ohio Elementary Science Olympiad

which was held at Cleveland State University on Saturday, March 22, 1997. Mrs. Story began coordinating this Parkview team by herself until she could coordinate a contingent of parent volunteers to assist in competitive training for events which include: No Bones About It (Anatomy), Estimania, Structures, Circuit Wizardry, Write It, Do It, Don't Bug Me, (Entomology), Leaf Powders, Orienteering, Aerodynamics, Pentathlon, Weather or Not (Meteorology), Reflection Relay, Rock Hound, Simple Machines, Starry, Starry Night, Super Pulley, and Phi Kappa Delta Science Bowl.

Mrs. Story has helped Parkview's team to a 5th, 4th, 2d, and most currently, a 1st place finish over 26 schools in northeastern Ohio. This is her 7th year as coordinator for the team. The 1997 winning Olympiad team included; Kris Aber, Jon Brady, R.J. Dieringer, Dough Ellett, Joy Hoefler, Christine Jackson, Laura Jackson, Emily Jones, Katie Lane, Katie Ludwig, Chris McGaw, Alison Maringo, Amanda Melenick, Elizabeth Sauer, Shannon Snow, Desiree N. Stark, Bryan Story, and Erick Williams.

Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Story deserves recognition for her knowledge, initiative, and instinct in preparing this formidable team of young people to compete with their peers in such a precocious scientific challenge. With her guidance, the dedicated team from Parkview Elementary was an outstanding success at the Science Olympiad.

IN TRIBUTE TO RICHARD W.  
CARLSON

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 15, 1997*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Richard W. Carlson, president and CEO of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Mr. Carlson resigned last week from his position at CPB after 5 years of exemplary work for the public broadcasting industry.

During Mr. Carlson's tenure, public broadcasting faced a great challenge of consistently reduced federal funding. He responded to this challenge by calmly and effectively leading CPB through changes to make public broadcasting more effective.

Among his many accomplishments, Mr. Carlson has reduced CPB overhead expenses, protected program content from government editing, instituted a moratorium on adding new stations to TV and radio grant programs, devised a new TV station overlap policy and created a new grant program, the Future Fund.

However, these significant accomplishments take a backseat to his commitment to continuing and strengthening public broadcasting's mission of education. Education is at the heart of public broadcasting. Mr. Carlson has played an important role in making certain learning resources are available through public broadcasting and reach almost every home, school, and business in this nation.

In addition to the contributions he has made to public broadcasting, Mr. Carlson has accomplished many personal achievements. He has received several major awards for journalism, including the prestigious George Foster